

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OCCUPANCY IN GARIB RATH TRAINS AND SUPER FAST TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

to reply given to Unstarred Question No.5854, dated May 17, 2007 regarding performance of Garib Rath trains and state:

- (a) the reasons for such a low occupancy in almost all Garib Rath trains;
- (b) the average occupancy of other super fast express trains in the country; and
- (c) the measures taken/to be taken to improve the percentage of occupancy in Garib Rath trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) Occupancy of the Garib Rath trains from the period April 2007 to June 2007 has been more than 80% in almost all the services. Occupancy was low on certain sectors when they were initially started.

(b) The average occupancy of most of the super fast express trains varies between 50% and more than 100%.

(c): With a view to improve the utilisation of Garib Rath Trains further the steps which have been taken, include changing of route, redistribution of reservation quota etc.